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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the June Sweet Cherry Survey. Sweet cherry production is reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S.

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Sincerely,

Vince Matthews  
Director

### Idaho Sweet Cherry Production Forecasted at 3,800 Tons

Idaho is expecting a sweet cherry crop of 3,800 tons in 2011, up 100 percent from last year but down 37 percent from 2009. Idaho growers are expecting the sweet cherry production to rebound significantly from last year's freeze damaged crop.

United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 324,830 tons, up 4 percent from 2010. The Washington crop was running approximately two weeks later than normal due to cool weather. However, growers are still expecting a larger crop than last year. California experienced a relatively cool and moist growing season for cherries. Oregon experienced an unusually cool spring that pushed the crop behind by two to three weeks. A large number of flowering buds in Michigan indicated the potential for an above average production year.

However, some growers reported low pollination problems due to a cool, wet spring. New York sweet cherry growers reported cold weather in the winter and a wet spring that brought record moisture before and after bloom. In Utah, sweet cherries, which bloom earlier than tart cherries, were damaged significantly by freezing temperatures.

**Sweet Cherries: Total Production by State and United States,  
2009 – 2010 and Forecasted 2011**

State	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
California <sup>1</sup>	92,000	97,000	85,000
Idaho	6,000	1,900	3,800
Michigan	28,700	15,100	19,000
Montana <sup>2</sup>	2,390	2,470	
New York	1,240	1,000	930
Oregon	66,000	38,150	36,000
Utah	1,540	1,100	100
Washington	245,000	156,000	180,000
United States	442,870	312,720	324,830

<sup>1</sup> Forecast carried forward from "Crop Production" released June 2011.

<sup>2</sup> The first estimate for 2011 sweet cherries in MT will be published in the January 2012 *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2011 Preliminary Summary*.

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